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### PLATFORM PLEDGES AND SOME OF THE MANY ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE PRESENT ADMINISTRATION

"We stand for a square deal for every man and every association of men," reads the first plank in the platform of the Good Government Association.

That plank alone covers enough of the material issues to be a full platform itself. A square deal for every man and for every association of men is all that can be asked. It is all that can be expected by every free-thinking citizen.

A square deal can be construed in numerous ways, according to the policies of those whose power it is to make an interpretation. There are two classes of people, those we know and those we don't know. There are two classes of people, those whose acts have borne out their words and those whose promises we have to accept.

For those people who have been residents of Dallas for the past two years, little need be said. They have been able to see clearly the progressive steps of a progressive administration, an administration whose efforts have been centered to carry out its campaign pledges to the people as well as to simplify and enlarge them when such enlargement meant the betterment of conditions for the people of Dallas.

A square deal has meant to the administration of Mayor Joe Lawther many things. It has meant a number of movements that have culminated in the betterment of conditions for the people of Dallas. Among these might be mentioned street improvement, street widening, parks in various portions of the city, street car service, telephone service, ample supply of gas for the housewife, grade crossings, increased wages for city employees, storage reservoir for artesian water in Oak Cliff, paving, and most of all the betterment of moral conditions in Dallas.

There is nothing more vital to the people of Dallas than the encouragement of such progressive steps as will continue to maintain the enviable position Dallas has already earned. As many progressive steps as have been already made have been planned by the Good Government Association for the next two years.

Some of the pledges of the party two years ago have been filled under some of the most trying conditions known to history. The many sacrifices necessary for both individuals and municipalities to make to further the interests of the United States in its war against Germany were gladly made, but notwithstanding where it was at all possible, the pledges to the people of Dallas were fulfilled. In several specific cases there were

orders from Washington stopping various branches of work that labor and material might be saved for other purposes.

The Lawther administration has given to people of Dallas an ample supply of gas. Those who have shivered and worked and cursed when the gas supply was low in previous years can thank the administration now supported by the Good Government Association for increasing their comfort and happiness. This was done without display and show, but for the benefit of the citizens of Dallas. It meant a saving of energy and materially increased the happiness of Dallas housewives.

And to show that the administration was continually keeping in mind the welfare of the people of Dallas, when the cold weather gave way to hot, park development became an active issue. The plank in the present platform on which the Good Government Association is placing its faith and expects to see continue its services to the people touching on Park development reads: "We believe that one of the best assets of our city is a large, properly developed, improved park system. With the express understanding that the present tax rate will not be increased and with a pledge to the citizenship of Dallas that this end can be accomplished without an increase in the present tax rate, we endorse and favor the proposed bond issue for the Park Board, and we further endorse and advocate the program of the Park Board for improvements to the following parks:

Gaston Park swimming pool, Cliff Park, swimming pool, No. 10 park in the Merin District, Cliff Park, general improvements, City Park, new artesian well, hot houses, general improvements, Junius Street station, buildings, barns and repair shops, Buckner Park, Exall Park, Oak Lawn Park, band stand and paving, Colonial Park, Garret Park, Gaston Park and Fair Park; cement walks, fences, etc.; Forest Park and Zoo, horticultural building and conservatory for park purposes only at Fair Park; Reverson Park, connecting boulevard between Forest Park and Fair Park; Park, Negro Parks, bath houses, swimming pools and general improvements.

These are but a few, a very few, of the many things that have been accomplished. There are many more things planned for the people of Dallas. These mentioned already are only two of material interest. Next week several others of equal importance will be mentioned and discussed.

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lawless element triumph and Christian civilization put to shame.

In the matter of observing the laws of the state we assure you that we are hearty accord with the state in all its endeavors to put down crime and to bring to justice every criminal, black or white, who may break the laws of the state. This to say that we do not condone crime in any form. The criminal of whatever race, (black or white) should be apprehended, tried and punished to the extent of the law, but the law executed by the mob will rob the state of its purpose to give the criminal trial by jury, and it will deprive the accused of the right granted not only by the state constitution, but also by the federal constitution.

We therefore, appeal to your Excellency in the name of the illustrious record of Texas, in the name of Christian Civilization of which we boast, in the name of the Negro race which has always shared with the white race the burdens of the state in time of peace as well as in time of war, at home as well as on a foreign soil, in the name of the God of the nations who rules the destiny of men; we appeal to you to join President Wilson in his call to the nation to put down this evil now before it fastens its hideous fangs irrevocably into the very heart of our civilization.

Very respectfully submitted,  
Officers—Dr. H. E. Williams, Pres.; Mrs. N. L. Perry, Secretary.  
Committee on Resolutions—Prof. G. W. Jackson, Rev. W. M. Harris, Rev. J. W. McDade, Mr. P. W. McIntire, Mr. Geo. Rodgers.

### Dallas Local

J. A. AUSTIN, - CITY EDITOR

The Diamond Charity Club met last Friday with Mrs. Bell Reynolds on Flora street. Will meet March 14th, with Mrs. D. Butler, 5102 Terry street.

Mrs. A. D. Coleman, after spending two weeks in Dallas, at the bed side of her sick son, Mr. Willie Coleman, has returned to her home, Houston, Texas. Mrs. Coleman is well known in society circles in Dallas. Call again Mrs. Coleman, we are always glad to have you.

Mrs. Josephine McClintock, made business trips to McKinney, Van Alstyne and Sherman, last week. She made several sales of her book, "Our Soldiers Fighting in France." She went to Ft. Worth, Tuesday, where she assisted in a program rendered at the Y. M. C. A., at Camp Bowie.

Mrs. Maude G. Moore has returned home after a two weeks confinement at St. Paul sanitarium where she underwent an operation for appendicitis.

Mrs. Lucile Cross Newcome of Ft. Worth spent two days at her bed side, also Mrs. D. V. Valentine of Ft. Worth was her caller Sunday.

Rev. A. G. Winn, of Terrell, Presiding Elder, Bonham District A. M. E. church, was in the city Monday en route home from Gainesville.

Hon. H. L. Price and Mr. W. D. Thomas of Cuneo, were in the city Friday, the guests of Editor W. E. King and the Dallas Express. Mr. Price is a Dallas Express favorite.

Mr. G. H. Holman of Kereus, was here this week.

Private John Lewis, 2801 Hallsville, is among the returning multitude from "over there." He is looking the very picture of health.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Simpson have moved to their new home, corner of Hickerson and Diamond Sts., South Dallas.

Chief Grand Mentor, C. E. W. Day returned Sunday from an official trip at Roxton, Texas. The Chief announces that the Order is in fine condition financially.

Mrs. Blanche Carter Nichols and her sister-in-law, Mrs. Irene Carter formerly of this city and now of Chicago, Ill., are confined to their beds with influenza.

Mrs. Lula House and Mrs. Lonella Thompson of Ennis and Mr. J. F. Miles of Hutchins were guests of their sister, Miss Jessie Miles, 5433 Gaston.

Prof. T. M. Palmer, building secretary of Y. M. C. A., 43 Camp MacArthur was in the city Monday guest of Mr. W. P. Vaughn.

Mrs. Lottie Traylor received a letter from her husband, Private Harvey Traylor, stating that he arrived in New York safely on the 6th of March hoping to start for home soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson White of 2509 Bryan, entertained at a dinner party in honor of their sisters, Mrs. Herbert Williams, Mrs. Ben Hayner, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Terry of Shreveport, La. A tempting menu was served.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Jackson of 2014 Leonard street entertained a number of friends in honor of their sisters, Mrs. Herbert Williams, and Mrs. Ben Haynes of Shreveport, La. A delicious ice course was served. Music, dancing and games were enjoyed by all.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Clay announce the marriage of their sister, Miss Ethel L. Clay to Mr. Nathaniel Lipscomb, March 1, 1919. Dr. A. S. Jackson, officiated.

Mr. James Barnes, en route home from Camp MacArthur, was the guest of his sister, Mrs. C. H. Wright, 2124 Browder street and Mrs. D. A. Davis, 2622 Guilford St., Monday last.

Dr. P. K. White, our popular pastor and revivalist of Queen City, came this week from Houston, where he conducted a meeting having 50 accessions. He left Tuesday for Little Rock to conduct a 10 days meeting for Rev. Ladell formerly pastor of Mt. Rose Baptist church.

#### OAK CLIFF.

Oak Cliff, Sta. A. Dallas, Texas, March 13.—Shiloh Baptist Church, Rev. S. G. Guster, pastor, Sunday school is moving along just fine. Each teacher is striving to make their class the banner class. At 11:30 Rev. F. D. Bookman preached a great sermon from Matt. 5:12-14, subject, "Importance of a Christian in the World." At 4:30, Rev. F. B. Bookman came back on the scene with the S. S. method and made it clear to us by giving a black board

### Colored Voters Meeting of the Good Government Association

The colored citizens of Dallas met at the Pythian Temple Tuesday night at the Colored Headquarters Good Government Association and perfected an organization to campaign among the colored voters. They elected the following executive committee: A. S. Wells, chairman; Chas. T. Brackins and B. Mayfield, vice-chairmen; V. T. Tubbs, secretary; First Ward, to be supplied; Second Ward, George Williams; Third Ward, F. C. Rutherford; Fourth Ward, Chas. Benson; Fifth Ward, J. C. Volkes; Sixth Ward, Willis Hawkins; Seventh Ward, W. H. Page; Eighth Ward, Eljah Cooper, Ninth Ward, S. C. Black; Tenth Ward, John McDaniel.

The executive committee nominated and elected the following named persons as an advisory committee: M. Rodgers, W. E. King, W. E. King, J. C. Volkes, Willis Hawkins, B. Mayfield, Silas Coffield, Luck Alexander, Dr. P. M. Sunday, V. T. Tubbs, K. D. Morrison, S. C. Black, J. A. Gilmore, John McDaniel, J. S. Burns, J. R. Jordan, Ed. Withers, Dr. R. T. Henderson, Starling Johnson, C. F. Starks, P. C. Rutherford, Homer Hollier, Dr. R. T. Hamilton, J. W. Ashley, Price A. Wren, T. D. Bradley, Dr. A. H. Dyson, Chas. Benson, James Tolbert, Enos Whitaker, Dr. A. L. Runyan, E. J. Crawford, Chas. Brackins, H. Strickland, S. W. J. Lowery, W. H. Page, J. S. Stubblefield, A. S. Wells.

The meeting was very enthusiastic, speeches being made by A. S. Wells, chairman; S. W. J. Lowery, Dr. A. H. Dyson, Chas. Brackins, H. Strickland, S. W. J. Lowery, Dr. R. T. Henderson, John "Butford" John McDaniel and a few others. All these gentlemen laid special stress on the platform of the Good Government Association and the

personnel of the candidates for office. It was outlined that the platform stood for several things of vital interest to the colored people of the city; for instance, it states that it will oppose any raise in the present tax rate and street car fare, and that it stands for the increase and beautifying of parks of the city, stating in particular, that it stands for the enlargement and putting in first-class condition Negro Parks by providing them with swimming pools and other facilities. It was clearly shown that Mayfield or Lawther, though being elected by a small part of the colored vote two years ago, has done many good things for the colored people through his commissioners, in that we now have a nurse and a lady to look after the welfare of our people; and all were convinced if the colored vote is given him in large numbers this year more will be done for our people.

The campaign for the colored people will formally open at the corner of Cochran and Central, Wednesday night, March 19th, at which time they will propose to have speaking for the Good Government Association by two or more speakers. It was the consensus of opinion of those who attended Tuesday night's meeting that the platform of the Good Government Association is the best and most liberal offered by any of the parties now before the public. The colored voters of the city are asked and invited to attend the general opening of the campaign of the Good Government Association at the City Hall Tuesday night, March 18. Attend both of these meetings and get facts and data that will enable you to rightly cast your ballot the first of April.

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will aid in sending the big \$1,000 educational mass meeting on to tomorrow evening (Sunday) at the auditorium in City Hall "over the top."

Rev. W. L. Dickson spoke Wednesday night at Oak Cliff (white) Methodist church to a good crowd of white citizens of that community who endorsed his work very highly.

**GRAND LODGE COMMITTEE MEETS**  
**COMMITTEE ON RULES REPORT**  
**—BRILLIANT SET OF RULES**  
**READ AND APPROVED BY COMMITTEE MEN AND WOMEN.**

Women Comes in for a Slice of Honor.

Grand Lodge Committee met Sunday evening in lodge room of Pythian Temple with chairman Bradshaw, presiding and secretary Patton at the desk after invocation by Sir David Edwards the meeting was declared legally open by the chair. Conspicuous in the assembly chamber was the presence of a large delegation of women from the Courts of Calanthian, who contemplated going into the battle to share their part of the reception. With much emphasis the writer's gaze was centered upon the chair woman whose seat was opposite that of the general chairman and every movement disfavoring the gentle sex from serving on all committees met with strenuous opposition by chairmistress Johnson. However, the male contingent were very conservative in the deal, thus the women for the first time came out unscathed and victorious. Reading of minutes of previous meeting met with a stormy opposition, after some explanations storm clouds passed over and the minutes became a matter of history.

Committee on rules reported chairman J. P. Starks presented the body with the most intelligent set of rules ever presented by local grand lodge committeemen after its first reading a motion prevailed calling for the adoption in sections, after which the rules were adopted by sections.

Mrs. Smith was appointed by the chair as Asst. Secretary Mr. Patton mentioned the name of Mrs. Mayes first mentioned was dropped. Meeting adjourned. Following is the committee on resolutions:

\*St. Luke No. 1—Edwards L. Mathis, E. D. Wilburn, A. W. Briggs, Will Pitts.

Fride of West No. 12—J. M. Tolbert, J. L. Jones, Geo. Murray, G. L. Fortune, Walter Coleman.

St. Charles No. 21—O. B. Claiborne, Jno. Volke, E. W. D. Welch, Randolph Wilburn, J. H. Bradshaw.

Algiers No. 44—J. L. Patton, C. Hodge, R. Bills, Dr. R. T. Hamilton, J. F. Starks.

### M. G. DUGGARS COLUMN.

Devoted to Colored Race Literature and Dedicated to Those Who are Producing it.

For the benefit of the many who are reading this column for their first time, let it be stated that the writer hopes through it to stimulate a greater interest in the literature of the Colored race and to gain a better appreciation for those who are producing it. We know of a poor unlearned blind man who purchased the life of Booker T. Washington from an agent only to give it away to the first person who would read it to him. It is the thousands of little deeds of these devotees of human uplift that keep race literature alive. Thus this blind man was to his degree, a promoter of race literature. It will startle the world to know the labors and the sacrifices that are being made in this great cause. We know too little even of the major efforts, while the minor labors remain almost altogether unused. Those who will follow this column from month to month, we propose to reveal the operations of the Colored press and the Colored pen as they struggle in defense of the Colored race with such laudatory comment as will cause each reader from the humblest to the highest to ask with sincerity: "What Can I do?"

The meeting of the National Negro Press Association at Nashville, Tenn., on February 5-8 inclusive is doubtless the principal event of the month among the publishers. The race press has already given out this month of this meeting and any account of it in this column would of necessity be stale and uninteresting. However a review of these reports discloses some very appropriate matter for this department, viz: That Col. W. E. King of the Dallas (Texas) Express is the premier editor of the Southwest; that Miss Blanche Johnson, editress of the Newport News Star, is probably the only woman of the race who is successfully managing a paying newspaper; that J. R. B. Whitney, founder of the Canadian Observer, Toronto, Canada, publishes the only race paper in the Dominion, and that Nashville is the Mecca of the literary Negro.

A few of the representatives present are serving the race in sphere to which journalism is but an adjunct. These men deserve especial mention here because their contributions to the press are not only gratuitous but are sometimes at a sacrifice to themselves. In this list we include: Hon. Joseph L. Jones, Cincinnati, Ohio, noted Pythian and manufacturer of lodge regalia, who edits the Fraternal Monitor and who is rendering the pressmen valuable service as chairman of the executive board. A. N. Johnson, who sacrifices enough time to edit the Mobile (Alabama) Press, although he conducts one of the best equipped undertaking establishments in the Southland. Hon. J. J. Oldfield, Chattanooga, Tenn., who devotes his spare hours to the editing of the Defender of that city, and Dr. Charles Victor Roman, Nashville surgeon who publishes the Medical Journal and is author of works on sociology.

Local citizens aside from those already mentioned to whom this Column extends appreciation include: Hon. J. C. Napier, Rev. Preston Taylor, Dr. C. H. Clark, Prof. W. H. Hale, Mrs. Cora Jordan White, and the great Boyd family whose name has long ago become a synonym of race publication.

The officers of the association are: Christopher Perry, president; J. Arthur Hamlet, Secretary-Treasurer; Henry Allen Boyd, Corresponding Secretary.

Sanford W. Evans, Washington, C. H. Ohio, has been confirmed as enrolling clerk of the Ohio Senate. The resignation came to Mr. Evans after he had edited a pamphlet "The County Organ" for four years in which he championed the race's cause with a martyr's spirit and with but scant encouragement from his friends and neighbors. His paper is yet in the pioneer stage and he is still compelled to act as pressman, typist, correspondent and editor, but it is safe to predict a better future for it.

Hon. Fred D. Roberts, who has been sworn in as representative in the California Legislature, is editing The Age at Los Angeles.

Editor W. H. Steward, of the American Baptist, Louisville, Ky., celebrated the fortieth anniversary of his labors as publisher of the American Baptist last month.

Dr. Monroe N. Work, compiler of

the Negro Year Book is gathering some interesting data on the press operations.

When the government restrictions on publishing new papers has been lifted and as a consequence a number of race publications is being introduced.

It is a compliment to the integrity of some of our papers that they are drawing the line on the hair straightening and face-bleaching advertisements. The Philadelphia Tribune is using great discretion in this matter.

If the paper you are reading prints "Negro" without using a capital "N" it knows as well as you do that is an insult. Why not take a race paper and escape the indignity.

Why not several state press associations to affiliate with the national organization?

Of course the race papers are grateful to the persons who subscribe just to patronize race enterprise, but a clear appreciation of the service to the race is what the papers are soliciting.

The sentiment that merchants who desire Colored patronage should advertise in Colored papers ought to be so strong that any merchant who fails to do so would automatically boycott his own business. The race has enough guessing to do to escape the places that do not want us without having to guess on the places that do want us.

Our Booster Roll continues to grow. The booster roll includes the persons who use this column or adopt its policy as a means of distributing the literature of our people among the race. We publish the new additions to the roll as a method of making good our promise that the smallest thing you can do in the interest of this great work will receive open praise in this department of this paper.

If any reader would like to appear on this roll he can arrange to do so by writing M. G. Duggar at his address, Wilmington, Ohio, asking "what can I do for race literature" and enclosing stamp for reply. Below are printed the latest names that have enrolled, together with the deeds that commended them: E. D. McAdams, 1011 Mound street, Cincinnati, Ohio, for having accepted agency for a Colored publication.

Ernest Garrett, Wilmington, Ohio for having testified in writing that he had purchased from a merchant solely because he had advertised in Colored literature.

The National Negro Press Association for giving endorsement to this column.

The Dallas Express, The Chattanooga Defender, The Roanoke, The County Organ, for featuring this column.

(A complete list of papers featuring this column can not be submitted at this writing.)

The next issue of this column will contain the list of persons who have subscribed through this medium. This column will next appear in the issue nearest April 1, 1919.

#### A LIVE WIRE IN TOWN.

Mr. J. J. Allen, president of The World Wonder Oil and Gas Company of Kansas City, Mo., is in the city in interest of his company.

While here this progressive young man met some of the prominent men and women of the city and indeed in their minds the principles of the World Wonder Oil and Gas Company and its properties which is in the heart of the Burk Burnett field, one of the greatest fields in the country.

He was able to unload a quantity of stock in the Dallas Oil market. He is a live wire "and nothing else."

#### BIRTHS.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lloyd Allen, 3208 State street, Monday, March 3, a girl.

**TROUBLE STARTS WHEN WHITE WOMAN STRIKES A COLORED WOMAN BOARDING A STREET CAR.**

When Miss Florence Caviness attempted last Saturday evening to board a North Belt street car she was pushed by a white man at her back against a white lady who turned around and struck her. Miss Caviness resented by returning the blow.

She was arrested and a charge of assault and battery was filed against her. She was released on bond.

Miss Caviness related the incident to an Express reporter, said in part: "I did not know in attempting to board the car that the ones behind would shove, however, when the incident happened I acted only in self defense."

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